## REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARKANSAS STATE BANKING BOARD JULY 17, 2014

A regular meeting of the Arkansas State Banking Board was held in the conference room of the Arkansas State Bank Department, 400 Hardin Road, Suite 100, Little Rock, Arkansas, at 10:00 a.m. on July 17, 2014. The following Board Members were present: Chairman John Freeman, Vice-Chairman Elizabeth Bowles, Gary Hudson, and Gary Smith. Board Member Marcus McCain was called by phone and participated in the meeting by conference call. Representing the State Bank Department were Commissioner Candace A. Franks, Deputy Commissioners Luther Guinn and Susannah Marshall, Certified Bank Senior Examiner Kevin Mosley, and Administrative Analyst Barbara Mahoney. Donna Jacks from Bushman Court Reporting was the recording reporter for the applicant.

Commissioner Franks opened the meeting. Secretary Luther Guinn declared a quorum was present. Commissioner Franks then asked the visitors and guests to stand and introduce themselves and state who they represent. Randy Dennis and Joshua Dennis with DD&F Consulting Group; Meg Johnston with Mitchell Williams Law Firm/Centennial Bank; Randy Sims, Bob Birch, and Tracy French with Centennial Bank were all in attendance. She then turned the meeting over to Chairman John Freeman.

Next on the agenda was consideration of the Minutes of the June 11, 2014 Special Board Meeting. A motion was made by Gary Hudson, seconded by Gary Smith, to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried and the Commissioner concurred.

Next on the agenda was an application by Centennial Bank, Conway Arkansas, to merge Florida Traditions Bank, Dade City, Florida, with and into Centennial Bank, Conway, Arkansas. Mr. Joshua Dennis represented and spoke for the application.

Mr. Dennis stated this was a strategic acquisition for Centennial and fills in central Florida between Orlando and Tampa, providing them with eight additional offices in the area. Mr. Dennis stated the Florida branch count will increase to 58 and the bank's total assets will be just over seven billion. Mr. Dennis stated the bank remains well capitalized and all approvals have been received from the Federal Reserve.

Mr. Bob Birch stated the most outstanding component of the acquisition is the management team from Florida Traditions Bank. Mr. Birch stated Bud Stalnaker was Florida Banker of the Year in 2014, and very respected within the Florida banking community. The management team, lenders, and the retail side he brings will strengthen Centennial, in addition to doubling the size of the presence in the area. Mr. Birch stated they have a very active Board and eight will stay on as the Central Florida Regional Board. Mr. Birch stated the Board's contribution will be significant in expanding operations, not only in the corridor there, but opportunities in Tampa and Orlando are significant. Mr. Birch stated steps have already been taken to align with the Centennial methodologies and business models and everyone is excited.

Mr. Gary Hudson commended Centennial on finding such a strong bank that would fit wonderfully with the bank's situation.

Chairman John Freeman asked how products and services offered compare with what Florida Traditions Bank customers are receiving today. Mr. Birch stated they are really pretty similar in nature. They focus more on small businesses, even though they are in a bigger market and they have a good number of small business services, as well as individual services, with branches that are conveniently located throughout the community. Mr. Birch stated the alignment of products and services will be consistent across the small business and individual consumer's line of products. Mr. Randy Sims stated this will provide a larger legal lending limit, with the ability to offer more technologies, so it's a win-win for both sides.

A motion was made by Gary Smith, seconded by Elizabeth Bowles, to approve the application, the motion carried and the Commissioner concurred.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Gary Smith, seconded by Gary Hudson, to adjourn. Motion carried.

JOHN FREEMAN, CHAIRMAN

State Banking Board

ATTEST:

LUTHER GUINN, Secretary

State Banking Board

CANDACE A. FRANKS

**Bank Commissioner** 

## **Board Members in Attendance:**

JOHN FREEMAN, Chairman State Banking Board	
ELIZABETH BOWLES, Vice-Chairman State Banking Board	Date
MARCUS McCAIN, Member	10/16/14
State Banking Board	Date
GARY HUDSON, Member	10~(6~(4)
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CHARLES SMITH, Member State Banking Board	Date
GARX SMITH, Member	19/16/14
State Banking Board	Date